



Committee to Re-elect DONALD TUCKER COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE



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As Councilman At Large for the City Of Newark, I have an established record of leadership, service and commitment to Newark's residents. I pledge to continue my efforts to make sure the residents of our City receive the best possible municipal services to which they are entitled. I will continue to be voiceful and in the forefront of making sure the City budget is not composed of ineffective programs or unnecessary staff which waste taxpayers dollars. I am committed to ensuring that property taxes are held in line so as not to over burden residential homeowners, many of whom are already financially burdened and are struggling to maintain their property. While holding the line on the budget, I will also make sure that the priorities of the budget are reflective of the needs and wants of the city's residents. The human cry which is most heard throughout the city is in the areas of public safety, affordable housing, rent control, employment opportunities, child care, and youth and senior programs.

If the spirit of the Newark renaissance is to reach our neighborhoods then first and foremost, our public safety programs must be adequate enough to address the pressing issue of crime in our streets. My past record of voting for sufficient funds in which to hire additional police officers speaks for itself, and I will continue to support such efforts to hire more police.

In order to help make our streets safer, I sponsored the City of Newark's first Gun Amnesty and Gun Buy Back program which is designed to provide cash benefits to those person surrendering firearms to the police department, to reduce the number of guns on the streets.

We all know that drugs are a major factor in the City's high crime rate and this is evident within every neighborhood. I have advocated for a more concerted anti drug effort on all fronts including law enforcement, education /prevention efforts and rehabilitation programs. We will not tolerate drugs and its related criminal activity to take over our city.

Affordable housing and rent control are the next priorities which the residents of Newark. In these areas I have demonstrated my leadership on the Council by co-founding the Newark Coalition for Low Income Housing. Through this coalition, a legal suit was instituted against the Newark Housing Authority which prohibited the demolition of vacant high rise buildings until such time that a plan of action was approved for the one-to-one replacement of those housing units. I am proud to say as a result of the suit filed by the coalition, \$200 million in funds were made available for the building of 1,777 low income subsidized housing units within the city.

DONALD TUCKER
Councilman At Large
City of Newark, New Jersey

Councilman Donald Tucker, is a life-long resident of Newark with a national reputation for leadership in public administration, civil rights, and urban planning.

Now serving in his fifth elected term, as an At-Large City Councilman in the City of Newark, Councilman Tucker Also served on the Advisory Board of the National League of Cities, (NLC), State Chairman of the New Jersey Black Issues Convention (N.J. BIC), and a Commissioner of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission.

Councilman Tucker brings to his leadership role an extensive background in the Labor and Civil Rights Movements. As a former Shop Steward, Field Secretary for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and Municipal Public Administrator, he has devoted the majority of his life to ensuring public services to people.

Councilman Tucker also served as President of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC/LEO) and a member of the National Black Leadership Forum.

As a former Board Member of the NLC and Chairman of the Transportation and Communication Committee, Donald is recognized on a national level as a principal spokesman for urban communities.

As State Chairman of N.J. BIC since its formation, Councilman Tucker has seen the consortium of 55 Statewide Member Organizations emerge as the prime catalyst for developing and implementing public policy initiatives affecting New Jersey's African-Americans.

Councilman Tucker is a long term board member of the United Community Corporation and the Newark Pre-School Council, and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Nutley. He is founder of The Centre, Inc., a community service multipurpose center.

A graduate of Goddard College in Vermont with a degree in Urban Planning, Councilman Tucker is also a veteran of the United States Air Force. He lives at home on Hansbury Avenue with his wife, the former Cleopatra Gipson and their children.

During his public service and political career, Donald Tucker received numerous awards and citations from various civil rights and community organizations.

I am also in support of the concerns voiced by residential tenants whose rents not only help pay for the upkeep of their apartments, but help pay the property taxes of the landlords as well. As such, I have been a sponsor of the City's rent control ordinance and will work for stricter regulations to protect tenants.

As the Councilman At Large, I have been a major advocate for the creation of private sector jobs within the city for Newarkers in which to become gainfully employed. However, because of my leadership on the Council, I have made sure that any proposed development project, which needed City Council approval, incorporate affirmative action plans whereby Newarkers are guaranteed skilled and unskilled jobs in construction and after completion of the project as well. In addition, I have fought for the development of small and minority owned businesses located within the City, to get contracts and sub-contracts with the downtown developments. Many Newarkers have benefitted from being hired by Newark based businesses which have received sub contracts from developers seeking tax abatements.

I recognize the need for the greater availability of professional and affordable child care slots within the City in order to allow parents to be able to work. Additional day care slots and services will also greatly benefit welfare recipients because it will allow them to seek either gainful employment, vocational job training and other programs to help them break the cycle of poverty. I will continue to be a major voice and advocate for additional state and county dollars to support daycare centers throughout the city.

Insofar as youth and senior programs are concerned, I have supported in the past and shall continue to work for expanded supervised recreational opportunities, after school tutoring and other positive alternatives for our youth. I realize that the more positive programs that we provide for our youth today will set them on the right track and may greatly reduce the amount of crime that we'll have to worry about tomorrow. In addition, I believe that our elderly residents, to whom we owe so much, need to be provided more information and better access to all of the services to which they are entitled. I pledge to utilize my leadership in making sure both groups, Youth and Seniors, have the necessary resources to address their respective issues and concerns.

In conclusion, I urge the residents of the City of Newark to review my record, which has always been one of integrity and accomplishment, and vote for me to continue service as Councilman At Large for New Jersey's largest city.